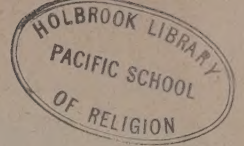


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Laymen Meet

The library of the Pacific School of Religion was crowded to capacity when 174 men, representing 31 churches of the Conference, gathered there on Sunday, February 20, for the annual "Laymen's School of Churchmanship." Harold Avery presided, and the men made the rafters ring when they sang some of the great hymns of the faith under the leadership of Ralph Anderson. Herbert Hilker proved that a layman can preach and conduct worship on a par with any minister in his opening service, and Ralph Hyslop inspired the delegates with his Bible interpretation that followed. Superintendent Harley H. Gill wound up the morning session with a challenging address on our opportunities in the growing cities and towns of California.

The new Fellowship Hall of North Church was a most attractive setting for the luncheon. The highlights of this gathering were a brief talk by Pres. Ronald Bridges, and the introduction of the 10 members of the Centennial Executive Committee by Albert Watson. Charles Hobdy presented the new constitution for the Laymen's Fellowship which was adopted unanimously.

After lunch the men walked back six blocks to Pacific School of Religion where the following discussion groups met for an hour and a half: Church Financing, Duties of a Deacon, Church Music, Personal Evangelism, Congregational Polity, and Church Architecture. The leaders of these various groups were: A. E. Bredemeier, Ralph S. Raven, Kenneth Loomis, Dan Ruggles, Victor McLane, Dr. Hugh Vernon White, Dr. Frank Carlson, Prof. William Hawley Davis, David Gill, "Dad" Elliott, Scott Haymond, James Yates and H. G. Bissell. The delegates then moved over to University Christian Church to see and hear the illustrated lecture "100 Years of Congregationalism" by Sidney Buckham. The meeting closed with a worship service led by Red. Fred R. Morrow and the singing of the "Centennial Hymn."

MIRA VISTA TO BEGIN

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Church Building Society in Cleveland on February 8th, an appropriation was voted for the purchase of lots for a Congregational Church in the Mira Vista section of Richmond. This new project will be put on a "high potential" basis, meaning that the national Boards and state Conference will move as rapidly as possible toward the starting of work in Richmond, underwriting the salary of a minister, and beginning to lay plans for the first unit of a church plant.

The Director of Extension Work, Rev. Sidney H. Buckham, has been gathering data and making plans for the Mira Vista project for the past 18 months. Dr. Stanley U. North of the Church Extension Division will look at possible building sites in Richmond on May 21st. This is a very promising field, and will add an important church to our growing Conference within a few years.

THE FINANCIAL STORY OF 1948

The financial summary of the giving of our churches for 1948 normally appears in the February issue, but has been delayed until March in order to use the entire February issue for the Centennial.

The sum of \$67,512.13 went through the Conference treasury for regular budgeted apportionment. This included the women's Thank Offering, which amounted to \$3,883.21, and gifts from the Pilgrim Fellowship for their projects of \$1,491.28. The total was a loss of \$313.46 as compared with 1947. The distribution of the \$67,512.13 was as follows:

For the American Board (Foreign Missions).....\$15,452.40
(This was a gain of \$621.90)

For the Board of Home Missions and the Council for Social Action...\$15,680.87
(This was a gain of \$347.22)

For our State Conference, State Home Missions, and Ministerial Relief.....\$36,378.86
(This was a loss of \$1,282.58, due to the fact that no spring appeal was made for the Conference in order that full right of way might be given to the Centennial Fund.)

The Missions Council at the Mid-Winter Meetings reported a total of \$2,651.00 additional which had gone directly to the national Board treasuries. The treasurer of the National German Conference has reported a total of \$2,879.16 going to the American Board and the Board of Home Missions. Thus the Year Book will show total apportionment figures of something like \$73,042.00. This is a drop of nearly \$3,000.00.

The gifts in 1948 to the Committee for War Victims and Reconstruction reached a grand total of \$34,607.51. This was \$1,410.30 less than that of a year ago. In 1948 we still ranked high in per capita giving among the stronger Conferences. (Incidentally, our total giving to CWVR for the three-year period of the P.E.P. was \$118,397.00.)

Our people continue their great interest in the Christmas Fund for our aged ministers, contributing \$2,119.42 this past year as against \$2,265.00 the year before.

The Unit Plan, even though it was officially completed for Northern California in 1947, continued the momentum, bringing in \$450.00.

The German churches gave \$2,285.00 to certain projects of their own. This brings our giving to Apportionment, War Emergency, Unit Plan, Christmas Fund, and special projects of the German Conference to the total of \$112,504.00. These figures are, of course, subject to correction.

The Postwar Emergency Program is over. The Unit Plan is behind us. Under the action of our State Conference last October, the nationwide Congregational united effort is to be known as **Our Christian World Mission**. The quota suggested to us and accepted by vote at San Mateo is \$162,000.00, in other words, an even \$50,000.00 more than the total of our giving for all purposes as set forth above. Such is the tremendous challenge that has been given us and has been accepted. Greater devotion and greater sacrifice must be ours if we are to succeed.

Bay Annual Meet

The annual meeting of the Bay Association was held in the new Fellowship Hall in the North Church, Berkeley, on February 15th. A service of worship was conducted by Mrs. Bayard Buckham. Supt. Harley H. Gill sketched the remarkable progress of the Bay Association Churches during the year. Miss Anna Dederer, missionary from Micronesia, told of the work of the American Board in that field. Rev. Vere V. Loper gave the most interesting account of the proceedings of the special meeting of the General Council at Cleveland. The following officers were elected for the coming year: Moderator, Mr. Ralph H. Anderson; Vice-Moderator, Rev. John Charles Mickle, Jr.; Registrar, Rev. Huber Burr; Assistant Registrar, Rev. Donald Kirkbride; Credentials Committee, Rev. Ralph D. Hyslop, Rev. Clarence Reidenbach, Rev. Holland Burr, and Rev. Sidney H. Buckham; Nominating Committee, Rev. Fred R. Morrow, Rev. Richard C. Norberg, Mrs. Thomas Smith; Board of Directors, Mrs. James Luce, Mr. William Kidd, Rev. James H. Woodruff, Mr. Charles Matzen, and Rev. George W. Lindsay.

CONFERENCE DATE

It should be noted that the date for the annual meeting has been postponed one week. It will be held at First Church, San Francisco, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, October 26, 27, and 28.

GENERAL COUNCIL

The special meeting of the General Council of Congregational Churches called at Cleveland, Ohio, on February 4 and 5, brought together the surprisingly large representation of 929 delegates. The Commission on Inter-Church Relations and the Executive Committee of the Council, following the vote at Oberlin, felt that the 72.2 per cent of the voting churches which had voted in the affirmative warranted the proceeding toward the merger with the Evangelical and Reformed Church. Opponents of the merger were given every possible consideration and complete equality in making their presentations. It became apparent as time went on that those who were opposing the merger were determined to defeat it and that further concession or compromise or delay would be of no avail. The council was made up of as able and conscientious a group of delegates as has ever come together. The farthest thing that any one wanted was a schism, but it became apparent that we must either face the abandonment of the proposed union by yielding to the tyranny of the minority or go forward at this time. The vote was 752 to 277 or 81½ per cent in favor and 18½ per cent opposing. The voting was done by secret ballot; each delegate dropped his ballot in a box under the supervision of the credentials committee.

A second measure was approved permitting churches who have some fear of denominational control to continue with the fellowship through their Associations without being bound.

The General Synod of the Evangelical and Reformed Church will meet on April 20 and 21 to vote on the special interpretations of the Basis of Union adopted at Oberlin last June. The 31 synods of E. & R. Church will then vote at their regular meetings so that the result will be known by the end of June. There is a possibility that a further meeting of the General Council will be held later in the summer and that 300 members of the Council will be named to meet with a like number from the E. & R. Church to become the first General Synod of the United Church of Christ.

No action is required from Churches, Associations, or Conferences at this juncture. If the union takes place on a national level, then local churches, Associations or Conferences may take action when, as, and if desired.

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"We Would Be Building"

The motion picture, "We Would Be Building," which tells the complete story of the development of a "high potential" church in the new community of Silver Spring, Maryland, is now available. This is a 16 mm. film in color and sound, and it may be used as a means of dramatizing church extension in Northern California in connection with the Centennial promotion in local churches. Write to William W. Meyer, 2345 Channing Way, Berkeley 4, and book this film for your church.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 17—Easter.
April 19, 20, 21—Rural Pastoral Conference, Davis, California.
April 21—Spring Meeting of Women's Federation at Petaluma.
April 26—Santa Clara Association at San Carlos.
April 27—Redwood Empire Association at Guerneville.
April 28 and 29—Sacramento Valley Association at Alturas.
April 29-May 1—German Conference, Zion Church, Fresno.
May 3—Bay Association at Plymouth Church, Oakland.
May 4—Upper Bay Association at Port Chicago.
May 5—Central Association at Ripon.
May 6—San Joaquin at Porterville.
May 15—Centennial observances in churches.
June 17-24—International Congregational Conference, Wellesley, Mass.
June 19-28—Institute of International Relations, Mills College.
June 20-July 27—Sylvan Dale School for Pastors.
October 26, 27, and 28—Annual meeting of Conference at First Church, San Francisco.

The nationwide interdenominational radio broadcast devoted to Relief and Reconstruction will "come over" all networks on the evening of Saturday, March 26, at 7:00 p.m., Pacific standard time. Protestants, Jews, and Catholics will be listening throughout America.

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YOUR RECORD

Herewith is the total giving to ap-
portionment and to C.W.V.R. which
went through the Conference treas-
ury during 1948. Gifts sent directly
to the treasuries in the east are not
included. For comparative purposes
the apportionment giving of the pre-
vious year is indicated, but not that
for C.W.V.R. It will be noted that
in the apportionment we did not quite
equal the giving of 1947, falling short
about \$300.

This report, normally, is printed in
the February issue, but was omitted
so that that issue could be devoted
exclusively to the Centennial Fund.

	App't Jan. 11, 1947	App't Jan. 11, 1948	C.W.V.R. Jan. 10, 1949
Alameda	1,806.08	1,631.77	485.95
Alturas	194.14	218.61	27.66
Angels Camp	296.47	278.25	215.40
Antioch	196.57	305.28	20.00
Auburn	248.95	273.25	88.75
Benicia	141.50	52.00	
Berkeley:			
Arlington	119.82	274.05	233.35
Chinese	28.22		50.00
First	9,331.63	9,106.29	6,065.23
North	1,130.50	1,472.85	496.60
Northbrae	823.73	400.00	
South	674.50	550.55	208.31
*Biola	30.36	32.01	
Campbell	494.75	790.89	245.00
Cedarvale	139.50	106.47	40.00
Cloverdale	95.73	160.50	10.00
Cotati	127.50	133.75	25.00
Crockett	121.26	99.43	
*Dinuba	.77	.66	
Eagleview		7.78	2.80
*Elk Grove	28.13	19.64	114.25
Elna	49.87	46.13	77.94
Eureka	847.33	774.17	612.41
Fairfax	51.65	163.10	106.00
Ferrdale	500.43	443.21	312.36
Fowler	75.00	75.00	
Fresno, First	1,497.75	1,487.75	1,035.95
*Free Cross	175.00		101.50
Japanese	62.30	66.51	132.82
Pilgrim	782.63	776.25	250.00
*Zion	42.46	41.14	
Glen Ellen	115.00	120.00	23.60
Guerneville	111.52	84.60	72.75
Hayward	350.00	645.25	431.50
Kenwood	95.24	86.52	10.00
Likely	23.26		
Lodi:			
*Ebenezer	41.80	44.99	343.84
First	4,216.83	3,540.65	836.84
Loleta	4.62	18.84	
Loomis	134.05	413.59	2.50
Martinez	1,053.26	1,398.74	697.82
Murphys	122.68	127.00	25.00
Niles	100.00	50.00	23.65
Oakland:			
Bethany Arm.	60.00	93.81	33.81
First	6,399.90	5,404.90	1,304.00
Fruitvale	102.42	141.57	75.00
Japanese	30.00	80.00	43.44
New Pilgrim	134.05	135.52	125.56
Plymouth	1,771.20	1,821.11	1,176.70
Orinda	765.46	999.97	586.90
Orville	1,132.02	1,179.18	420.73
Pacific Grove	344.10	275.00	
Palo Alto	1,779.54	2,259.39	1,290.49
Paradise	549.00	570.41	250.42
Parlier	10.00	20.00	

OCEAN VIEW VISITS

A "Friendly Visitation Campaign" to canvass the Merced Heights district of San Francisco, will be conducted by the Ocean View Church on Sunday, March 20th. Workers for this drive are being recruited from eight Congregational Churches of the Bay area, directed by M. T. Berryhill and Rev. Joseph H. Bennett. They will join with an equal number of Ocean View people, ringing door bells, filling out questionnaire cards, and leaving attractive brochures in every home where interest is shown in the new church.

Workers on the "Friendly Visitation" drive will attend the Ocean View Church service to hear Dr. Stanley North of New York preach. At a luncheon afterward they will be given a "pep talk" by Rev. James H. Price, and following the campaign they will be served refreshments in the social hall at Ocean View. This canvass is being conducted as a preliminary step to the financial drive which will come later.

The "Sponsoring Committee" for the Ocean View Church, made up of representatives from other churches in the Bay area, is as follows: Rev. Ralph V. Conard, chairman; James Yates, Dr. Ralph Hyslop, Scott Haymond, Myron Greenlee, H. C. Clifford, John Kooistra, James H. Price and Sidney H. Buckham. Members of the committee representing the Ocean View Church are: Mrs. George McQuown, Albert Groth, M. T. Berryhill, and Rev. Joseph H. Bennett.

Penngrove	142.83	174.28	16.84
Pescadero	62.75	10.00	
Petaluma	1,258.28	1,242.77	480.18
Pittsburg	383.68	363.97	108.55
Port Chicago	110.00	154.14	51.56
Porterville	1,328.75	1,506.75	747.29
Redwood City	1,720.72	1,498.98	429.33
Reedley	15.00	15.00	
Rio Vista	240.00	197.50	12.50
Ripon	325.87	393.13	108.32
Sacramento:			
First	1,557.50	2,355.51	1,972.40
Oak Park		10.00	11.45
Sierra Arden	119.25	302.73	1.00
Salida	97.81	197.45	69.04
San Carlos	602.00	874.60	343.25
San Francisco:			
Beth. M. Pk.	469.37	248.05	88.85
Calvary Ar.	60.00	30.00	
Chinese	51.00	80.00	30.00
First	1,086.70	1,224.49	41.37
Ocean View	171.25	200.00	49.00
Park Pres.	348.39	418.18	
*Sanger	28.75	30.39	339.58
San Jose	1,295.00	1,314.50	591.02
San Leandro	332.03	260.66	145.00
San Lorenzo	100.00		
San Mateo	1,475.00	1,657.50	3,128.69
San Rafael	66.00	35.00	
Santa Cruz	1,022.00	820.75	150.00
Santa Rosa	331.20	192.70	125.65
Saratoga	902.50	1,024.13	210.41
Sebastopol	536.14	572.36	168.47
Sonoma	263.92	276.13	27.46
Soquel	315.28	274.72	54.02
Stockton	1,206.37	1,332.02	576.44
Suisun	130.00	125.00	80.00
Sunnyvale	81.70	141.47	10.00
Sunol		25.00	
Tulare	1,106.03	2,251.50	
Weaverville	230.40	127.34	137.05
Woodside	85.75	121.50	105.19
Reno, Nevada	983.00	1,048.56	59.75
Miscellaneous, inc. Thank Offering and Individual gifts	7,259.19	5,085.04	492.07

Totals

*The figures set forth above opposite the names of our German churches do not include the bulk of their money which goes through the National German treasury and which appears in the following list. The Elk Grove and Biola churches did not get their benevolence giving in to their treasurer in time to receive credit for 1948.

Biola	1947	1948	CWVR
Dinuba	\$ 313.87	\$ 102.00	\$ 500.78
Elk Grove	91.80		50.00
Fresno:			
Free Cross	1,005.25	1,185.00	902.20†
Zion	660.45	777.00	150.00
Lodi, Ebenezer	773.22	373.00	343.84†
Sanger	325.84	213.00	489.58†

†These amounts include moneys remitted through the Conference office, as noted in the regular church by church report above.

HEIGHT AND DEPTH

The North Congregational Church of Berkeley has had the experience of being plunged from heights to depths in its emotions within four days. On January 16 the new fellowship center was dedicated. It is a beautiful, commodious building to house the parish activities, and the financing of it was very well covered. Neighboring ministers participated. The dedication address was given by Supt. Harley H. Gill and the prayer of dedication by Rev. Sidney H. Buckham.

On Wednesday following, at the annual meeting, Rev. Eugene V. Haynes, who has so successfully led the church for the past four and one-half years and through the building project, presented his resignation to take effect on March 1st. Mr. Haynes is going to a community church in the suburbs of Boise, Idaho. It was a shock to the congregation, but the strength and interest of the church was at a high point, and it is probable that they will secure his successor at an early date and go forward, making full use of their building and meeting the opportunities presented by the community. Mr. Haynes has not only endeared himself to the members of North Church, but has been a source of great strength in our Bay Association and the Conference, particularly in our educational and youth work. The Pacific hopes to present a picture of the fellowship center in the near future.

REV. FRANCIS J. VAN HORN

Rev. Francis J. Van Horn, one of our most distinguished and beloved ministers, passed away at his home in Seattle on January 20th. He had been suffering from a heart ailment for three months, but his going was very sudden.

Dr. Van Horn was born in Northfield, Ohio, on October 18, 1865. He was a graduate of Oberlin College and Seminary. He had a long record of outstanding pastorates including Plymouth Church, Des Moines, Iowa; Old South Church in Worcester, Mass.; Plymouth Church of Seattle; First Church of Tacoma; and twice at First Church, Oakland. Since his retirement in 1933, he served as interim pastor in no less than 16 churches, among them Plymouth Church, Oakland, and Piedmont Community Church. To him and his wife, Amy Belle Richards Van Horn, were born five sons and three daughters, all of whom survive him. There are also 18 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren. Mrs. Van Horn passed away in 1933, and one year later Dr. Van Horn was married to Mrs. Lois Conning Nelson, who also survives him.

While in California, Dr. Van Horn served on almost every committee and board of Associations and Conference. He was our representative on the Church Extension Society and the Commission on Missions. More important still, he was a faithful and beloved pastor, a truly great preacher, and a valued counselor and friend.

Miss Stoker Arrives

Karen Lee Stoker arrived on February 2nd at 2001 Bartlett Street, Reno, Nevada. She weighed 6 pounds and 9 ounces, but was very promptly welcomed by the tenants at that address—Rev. Terence and Mrs. Jo Stoker. From last account she will make her home there at least for a considerable number of years. Pacific congratulates her on the wisdom of her choice.

Social Action Committee in Action

The Conference Social Action Committee has organized itself for the coming year. Officers are: chairman, Arthur O. Pritchard, Jr. of Berkeley, and secretary, Rev. John C. Mickie Jr. of South Berkeley Community Church, Berkeley. Two matters relating to legislation have come to the attention of the committee which should receive the thoughtful consideration of fellow Christians throughout the area.

Representative Walter H. Judd has introduced a bill (HR 199) which calls for the removal of all racial discrimination in American nationality laws, and provides that application for citizenship through naturalization be on an individual examination basis and open to all immigrants who have a legal right to permanent residence in the United States. The measure would have its principal effect on Koreans, Japanese, Malaysians, Indonesians, and Pacific Islanders. Racial bars to Chinese, Filipinos and Indians already have been repealed.

A new Displaced Persons Act (S311) has also been introduced into the 81st Congress. The measure proposed is in line with recommendations made by religious and social agencies by (1) advancing the "cut off" date from Dec. 22, 1945, to April 21, 1947; (2) ending practice of charging displaced persons against future quotas of national groups; (3) eliminating 40 per cent preference for people whose countries "have been annexed by a foreign power, so that refugees from religious and political persecution would have equal opportunity to secure visas; (4) elimination of 30 per cent preference for farmers and farm labor; (5) modify guarantees of available jobs and housing in favor of conventional assurances that the immigrant would not become a public charge, and (6) increase the number of persons eligible from 200,000 to 400,000.

In addition the Social Action Committee is concerning itself with a survey of available jobs and housing for displaced persons. A general request for a survey within the individual congregation is being sent out to all churches in order that we may aid Protestant displaced persons to become located in our area as part of our share in the Displaced Persons program.

DR. JONES IMPROVING

The many friends of Rev. Augustine Jones, formerly pastor at Palo Alto, will be glad to hear he has been improving slowly from an illness of nearly four months. He is still in such serious condition that few visitors are permitted. Needless to say, Dr. Jones will not, for the time being, be able to speak on the work of our Southern Colleges as announced some time ago in the Pacific. We shall look forward to his recovery and his valuable work in our fellowship.

DAVIS CONFERENCE

The Interdenominational Conference on Town and Country Life will be held on the campus of the Agricultural School at Davis, April 18 to 21. Our own Dr. T. A. Tripp of the Board of Home Missions will be one of the principal leaders. Three of our Congregational ministers who attended the Rural Work Shop in San Jose are a committee on Congregational attendance at the Davis meeting. They are Rev. T. Davis Preston of Soquel, Rev. Gordon L. King of Saratoga, and Rev. Hendrik Martynse of Loomis.

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES ON THE JOB

FRESNO, JAPANESE. Rev. George Aki has resigned to undertake a new Nisei project under the auspices of the Chicago Congregational Union and is already in the field. A farewell dinner was tendered to him. During his pastorate great progress was made. The old property was sold and a new church was secured by the moving and remodeling of an army chapel, and a parsonage was acquired. Mr. Aki has been active in the community and particularly with the Japanese youth of Fresno and the state. The church has called Rev. Norio Ozaki, pastor of the Oakland church, who moved into the parsonage the day following Mr. Aki's leaving. The church looks forward to continued growth and progress.

SAN CARLOS. Before this issue of the Pacific reaches its readers, ground breaking will have taken place for the new building to be erected this summer. The financing has been completed and a favorable bid for construction has been secured of pews and other furnishings which had not been in the original expectations. Ceremonies are planned for March 13th. Supt. Harley H. Gill and former pastor Rev. H. J. Loken will assist Rev. Weldon Batty.

MARTINEZ. Membership is at an all-time high of 417. Attendance has likewise reached a peak. Out of \$11,500 disbursed during the year, \$2,100 went to others. Rev. Clarence Reidenbach of Oakland was the speaker at the February Church-Night dinner, and Supt. H. H. Gill was the speaker at the March meeting. A campaign for repairs and rehabilitation is being launched. Rev. Donald F. Gaylord is the pastor.

MURPHYS. Rev. Joseph O. Todd, formerly of Sonoma, has been called to this field and began work on February first. For the first time in many years the church will have a resident pastor on a full time basis and without missionary aid. The community has grown and a splendid opportunity is presented for advance.

BERKELEY, ARLINGTON. The new building is being used to capacity by all sorts of community organizations and events, including club meetings, concerts, pot-luck dinners, motion picture entertainments for children, play school, branch library, and many more. Rev. Herbert Dimock is the pastor.

SANTA ROSA. At a special meeting on February 18, the members of the Santa Rosa Church voted to take an option on a piece of property in the rapidly growing suburbs of that city, north of the main business district. An allocation in this area has been requested from the Comity Commission of the Northern California-Western Nevada Council of Churches. It is the hope of the Santa Rosa Church members that they will be able to sell their old property within a few years and move to the new location, where homes are being built rapidly, and there are many children not attending Sunday School. The proposed allocation is only a few blocks from the campus of the Santa Rosa Junior College.

ANTIOCH. After nearly three years of service in this church, Rev. Stanley Marple has resigned, taking effect at the end of March. Mr. Marple, who was a chaplain in the last world war, has been called by the California State Youth Authority to be a counselor and chaplain for the Preston State School of Industry at Ione. He has been universally respected and loved in Antioch, and his experience will equip him in a singular way for his duties with the youth who come under his care.

BERKELEY, FIRST. This church welcomed back at its morning service on February 27 Rev. O. W. S. McCall, who was its pastor from 1922 to 1939, and who was one of the Earl lecturers at the Pastoral Conference. A new young couples club has been organized. Twenty new members were welcomed into the church on February 6. Rev. Vere V. Loper and Rev. David L. Evans are pastors.

OAKLAND, JAPANESE. Rev. Norio Ozaki, who was ordained in this church and who was pastor before, during, and since the evacuation, has tendered his resignation and accepted the call to Fresno Japanese Church. He has been a faithful and undiscourageable pastor. His place will not be easy to fill.

MODESTO. The new grammar school building adjacent to our property on the west is now under construction. The school board has purchased the land east for a high school, thus our site will be between two schools which indicates strategic location for youth work in the days ahead. Rev. Elmo D. Wolfe is pastor.

FRESNO, PILGRIM. The active membership now stands at 281. Thirteen new members have been received during the past year. The income of the church was over \$13,000 of which more than \$1,800 was for benevolent purposes. During the past year the young people changed from Christian Endeavor to Pilgrim Fellowship. The renovation of the property has continued. On Sunday, February 27, through the invitation of the pastor, Rev. H. A. Chakmakjian, Supt. Harley H. Gill presented the Centennial Fund, and with the assistance of staff members Sidney H. Buckham and William W. Meyer, a canvass was made resulting in over \$1,200 toward the Fund.

HAYWARD. The Social Action Committee is undertaking active cooperation in securing a home for some displaced person. During 1948 the membership of the church jumped from 301 to 374. The church shows total resources for building purposes of over \$133,000 including the value of the present property. It is expected that the actual construction of the new plant will be under way within a few weeks. The budget for operating expenses for 1949 is \$14,000. Rev. Richard Norberg is pastor.

FRESNO, FIRST. The church has not been able, as yet, to sell its old property, but expects construction on the sanctuary and a portion of the remainder of the new building. The enlarged budget which will provide for a Director of Christian Education has been covered and the increased askings for benevolences will be met. Rev. John H. Gregg is the pastor.

ANGELS CAMP. Beginning with April first, this church becomes self-supporting, even though it will no longer share its pastor, Rev. Lawrence D. Granger, with the church at Murphys. Mr. Granger will continue rendering service to the Fricot Ranch School for Boys. The church budget for the new year has been completely subscribed.

BERKELEY, CHINESE. The Sunday School secured the names of all Chinese children in the public schools of Berkeley and sent invitations for a Valentine party. This small congregation keeps up a constant contribution of food, clothing, and money for China relief. Dr. Hoh Yam-tong is pastor.

ALTURAS. The church has reminded the county that this is the seventh-fifth year of the establishing of Modoc County. The musical program of this church is outstanding. A most enjoyable "pop" concert was given under the direction of Mrs. William Moll Case.

BIOLA. Rev. Philip Reich has been called and is now in the field. For seven and a half years he served the First Evangelical Congregational Church in Cincinnati. He is a graduate of Doane College and Yankton School of Theology.

NILES DEDICATES

On March 6 the new social hall, costing \$12,000, was dedicated. Rev. Sidney H. Buckham, Director of Church Extension, gave the address. The building is completely paid for and completes the original plan of the church. The Pacific notes with interest, although after long delay, the marriage of the pastor, Rev. Donald Kirkbride, which took place on December 3.

FAIRFAX. Not in many years, if ever, has this church shown such growth and strength. There was a gain of 26 members last year. A budget of over \$5,000 has been underwritten for the current year. Improvements on the property have been made. Sunday School attendance averaged 95 this past year. Nickels and dimes have been contributed creating over \$1,000 as a start for a new chapel. The Church has been represented recently at the Bay Association and the Federation of Congregational Women. Mr. Frank K. McDowell, who is a student at San Anselmo, is the pastor.

KENWOOD. An unused kitchen in the church has been converted into an attractive kindergarten. Seven adult members have been received into the church recently. A Young Married Peoples group has gotten together. The church recently refused to accept the resignation of Rev. H. J. Loken, who will continue with the work and also serve the State Home at Eldridge. The church needs a communion table. Any church that has one to spare, please write to Mr. Loken at Kenwood.

FERNDALE. Rev. Charles H. Hudson is resigning to take effect in the near future. He plans to live in Eureka for the time being and later to move to Southern California. Mr. Hudson has served in churches in Humboldt County for more than 20 years. It is safe to say that few, if any, ministers have left as deep an impression on the county as he has.

CLOVERDALE. Mr. and Mrs. Samuel A. Wright, Jr., who are serving this church, have been received with a sincere welcome by the church and the community. Seventy persons recently attended a social pot-luck dinner. The finances of the churches are in good shape. A new roof will soon be installed over the Sunday School room.

BERKELEY, SOUTH COMMUNITY. Each Thursday evening of Lent a worship service is being held, the message being given by the pastors, Rev. John Charles Mickie, Jr., and Rev. Buell G. Gallagher, and by neighboring pastors including Rev. Robert W. Inglis and Rev. Clarence Reidenbach.

LOOMIS. Chime-Time Concerts are given second and fourth Sundays of each month. On a recent date the Gold Miners Chorus of Grass Valley were visiting musicians. Rev. H. Martynse, the pastor, has started a Children's Service of Worship similar to the regular adult hour.

LODI, FIRST. A budget of \$11,600 was adopted at the annual meeting, and more nearly subscribed than any previous year. Rev. A. R. Boone is pastor.

GUERNEVILLE. Eight new members were received in January and six will soon be coming. Mr. C. T. Gustafson is the pastor.

BENICIA. This church is now being cared for by Rev. Arthur Ray Flick, a former pastor, who has recently been in Kansas.

Easter Sunrise

The Easter Sunrise Service on Mount Davidson in San Francisco will begin at 5:33. The sermon will be preached by Dr. Percy Hayward, editor of the International Journal of Religious Education.

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REPORT OF FEBRUARY MEETING

Another year of work has started for the Federation, the first meeting since new officers were elected, being held on Thursday, Feb. 17th, with an all-day business meeting on the day previous. Mrs. E. B. Kientz, re-elected president, opened the meeting, reading from the book "Women at Prayer."

New business contained several items of importance. There was the voting of the budget of \$1,075 for the year 1949, the urging of each local group to contribute one dollar or more to the travel fund, the purpose of which is mainly to cover travel expenses of association presidents, the appointing of a committee to write a leaflet describing the work of the Federation and the duties of the Associated Presidents and Commissioners, plans for the Centennial Celebration and the part each woman could play in it, the accepting of an invitation from the Petaluma Church to the Federation to hold its spring meeting there on April 21st, and last but not least the voting to raise at least \$3,500 in 1949 for the Thank Offering.

Plans for the spring retreat to be held at Cazadero, May 9, 10, 11, were also discussed. It was stressed that this meeting is primarily for local Presidents, Program Chairmen and Association Presidents. The speaker on this occasion is to be Mrs. E. E. McClintock, Secretary of the Missions Council.

Reports by the secretaries were short and to the point. Mrs. F. O. Hassler of the Christian Home Life Department reporting that Rev. Paul Reynolds would attend the two Family Camps at Cazadero, Aug. 13-20 and Aug. 20-27. Mrs. Hassler reported also that May 1-8 is Christian Family week.

Mrs. Floyd Brown, Friendly Service Secretary, told those present that Quota sheets would be sent before long. The value of needs met through Friendly Service was \$2,350.

Mrs. Scott Haymond, in presenting the Thank Offering, reported that last year the Thank Offering from the women of the Congregational Churches in Northern California was \$3,832, also that a total of 65 churches participated. An important phase of the offering for 1949 is that it will be part of the national women's gift, the only difference being that the women of the Federation can choose from the national lists the home and foreign projects they wish to contribute to. The offering will be divided in the following ways: 52½ per cent will be kept in the Conference of Northern California and 47½ per cent to be given to national, foreign and social action projects. The state projects are as follows: Cazadero maintenance \$600, Oak Park Congregational Church \$700, and whatever remains to go to church extension.

Mrs. Gail Cleland, Literature Secretary reported that "Guideposts" could be found at the literature table, and that this year again the Federation is giving to each local president a year's subscription to "Guideposts." The Envelope Series and Daily Devotions were also to be had. Mrs. Cleland also suggested that each president file her copies of "Guideposts" in a loose leaf book and pass it along to her successor. In this way it will become a helpful reference book.

Mrs. G. W. Ludlow, Home Field Secretary, urged that the study books "China, Twilight or Dawn" and "On Our Own Door Step" be read.

Mrs. C. R. Claiborne said that as Interdenominational Secretary she would attend all meetings of interdenominational character, including the United Council of Church Women.

The highlight of the morning session was the address given by Miss Anna Dederer, missionary to the Micronesian Islands, and stationed at Truk under the American Board.

It was the usual missionary talk, well told. What made it impressive

was the fact that people in those far away islands are willing to turn from evil ways to right ways of living when once they know right from wrong. One of the pictures remaining vivid in our memories was that of an eager folk not only asking for help, but traveling miles for it, many times by boat. More impressive yet was the story she didn't tell. The quiet heroism it must take to live in the tropics, eating native food, speaking mostly the native tongue, traveling miles upon miles, many times by sea as well as by land, to give medical help, and also to speak of God and His Son Jesus Christ. Then to return home knowing that while bodies might be healed, it might take more and more visits to heal the spirits of folk and set them on the right ways of living. Nothing was said of her stay in a Japanese concentration camp. Yet one with a little imagination knew something of what that experience could mean to a sensitive person.

Her hearers were thrilled with news of the ship "Morning Star," which sails from island to island with food and medical supplies and which transports missionaries and teachers as well.

The afternoon session was given to a report by Mrs. Kientz of the mid-winter meetings and of the voting for the merger of the Evangelical and Reformed Church with the Congregational and Christian Churches. It was heartening to learn that the vote was in the affirmative, and that the merger could now be considered nearing a reality.

GUERNEVILLE'S NEWEST

A young lady weighing 7 pounds and 11 ounces and soon to answer to the name Teresa Ann has simply moved into the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Gustafson at Guerneville. Her coming makes a well-rounded household with one father, one mother, two boys and two girls. It is reliably reported by her father that she is the prettiest baby in Guerneville.

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Northern California voting delegates in attendance were Mrs. Scott Haymond, Mrs. Charles Mosure, Mrs. Benton Gaskell, Mr. N. F. Sanderson, Rev. Ralph Hyslop, Rev. Torrance Phelps, Rev. Ernest M. Fowler, Pres. Ronald Bridges, Rev. Lawrence D. Granger, and Supt. Harley H. Gill. There were in attendance at other sessions of the Mid-Winter Meetings: Mrs. E. B. Kientz, Mrs. and Mrs. Harry Drobish, Rev. Vere V. Loper, Rev. Buell D. Gallagher, Rev. W. W. Meyer, and Rev. Sidney H. Buckham.

1948 THANK OFFERING

The church by church report of the women's Thank Offering has been delayed for one month, but here it is. It will be noted that five more churches participated than in 1947, even though the total was something like \$36 less. One church, the new Oak Park Community Church of Sacramento, sent in a Thank Offering amounting to \$19.36 which was overlooked in making up the list of churches until after the books were closed. The Junior Guild of Redwood City sent in \$37.85, too late to be counted. These churches will have a good head start for 1949.

	1947	1948
Alameda	\$ 105.00	\$ 98.00
Alturas		15.03
Angels Camp	20.81	15.00
Antioch	61.98	54.00
Auburn	25.00	37.50
Benicia	41.34	43.24
Berkeley:		
Arlington Ave.	15.30	25.20
First	195.70	174.52
North	85.00	74.87
South Community	60.91	47.30
Campbell	71.50	55.00
Cedarville		2.75
Cloverdale	28.00	22.95
Cotati	44.00	31.00
Crockett	25.00	25.00
Eureka	100.00	42.20
Ferndale	48.27	21.87
Fowler		77.50
Fresno, First	106.75	131.00
Pilgrim	20.55	11.00
Hayward	70.00	70.00
Lodi, First	59.35	37.00
Loomis	12.00	16.00
Martinez	72.48	53.00
Oakland:		
Bethany Armenian	5.00	5.00
First	302.90	333.40
Fruitvale	30.55	38.00
Japanese		13.10
New Pilgrim	14.47	33.92
Plymouth	116.00	111.27
Orinda	60.33	100.08
Oroville	50.00	50.00
Pacific Grove	62.00	50.00
Palo Alto	146.86	204.85
Paradise	57.93	57.73
Penn Grove	12.65	8.40
Petaluma	78.75	82.10
Pittsburg	42.80	64.65
Porterville	55.69	54.60
Redwood City	32.50	23.00
Rio Vista	76.23	65.00
Ripon	53.70	61.18
Sacramento, Pioneer	87.00	67.81
San Carlos	75.77	107.65
Salida	20.00	22.50
San Francisco:		
Calvary Arm.	39.00	17.00
First	201.00	100.00
Grace United	49.12	33.10
Ocean View	13.25	10.00
Park Presidio	2.50	5.00
San Jose:		
San Leandro	90.20	100.00
San Lorenzo	10.00	15.75
San Mateo	182.83	235.60
San Rafael	11.95	6.50
Santa Cruz	100.48	129.34
Santa Rosa		9.00
Saratoga	130.88	121.00
Sebastopol	28.21	23.40
Sonoma	25.50	26.25
Stockton	65.00	75.00
Sunnyvale	28.26	31.00
Tulare	50.60	26.00
Weaverville	33.34	33.00
Woodside	20.41	21.40
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